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## General News.

### Irish Independence

The land of Emmett is still full of stir and commotion. Fenianism is rife, and independence still talked of as a probability of the near future. John O. Leary, the great Fenian leader, is expected to return to Dublin, and bad times are expected.

### Franco-Chinese Troubles.

It is given out that the French minister at Shanghai will not be recalled, and that France will not make a formal declaration of war, but will try to solve the difficulty between China and herself without further bloodshed, and that there will be no attempt to have a conference in Paris on the Egyptian question, for it is now well understood that Gen. Woolsey will soon have Egypt in perfect control, and any interference on the part of the French government will only make England more imperious and exacting.

### England.

The family affairs of Premier Gladstone are now attracting much attention. The Premier is reported as improving, but Mrs. Gladstone is sick of erysipelas. He has a wonderful hold on the confidence and affection of the English people. A noble Christian man, and a fit representative of that great nation. African affairs are no better, and the old land of Ham is a serious drawback to civilization, and a dark spot on the world's surface. The death of Bishop Jackson, of London, has created a great feeling of distress and sorrow among the adherents of the Establishment. It seems that some of the clergy of the old world are as much given to fulsome eulogy as our American preachers. One of the Rector's gave the dead Bishop the faith of Abraham, the patience of Job, the meekness of Moses, the wisdom of Solomon, the magnanimity of Daniel, the fortitude of Stephen and the humanity of Dorcas. The Rector was a little off on that line. Right here we may pause to say there is often much harm done in preaching funerals. England is rather yielding to Prince Bismarck.

### Italy.

We see it is stated that a bill has passed the Senate of this old land of art for the sanitary improvement of Naples. If there is any city on earth that needs improvement in that direction it is Naples. Lower Naples, where Maccaroni is prepared, is the dirtiest hole in the world. It is the Lazzaroni portion of the city.

### Germany.

Is exercised over her colonial enterprises, and there is much excitement in the Reichstag over the matter. That government can beat us in political parties—and that is saying much.

### Dublin

Our Irish friends are having the same fight that we are in, trying to close the saloons and public houses on last Sabbath and much disturbance from whiskey.

### Our Own Country.

We find two great sermons in the Globe-Democrat of the 12th, from the two great celebrities of our nation, Drs. Beecher and Talmage. The former on the "Total Depravity" and the latter on the "Pressing Need of a Great Religious Awakening." If Mr. Beecher will only read our secular press, he will be convinced of depravity, and he might refresh himself by a little past history. Dr. Talmage is on the right track this time. We certainly need a thorough awakening in the Church, as well as to the danger threatening our country from recklessness and crime. The "Bankrupt Bill" has been defeated in Congress, and while we confess our ignorance of this very particular bill, we will say that we are opposed to bills of this sort, of all characters and kinds. Our legislation since the war, has been to keep men from paying their debts. It has been in total opposition to the creditor, and the result is a lack of confidence, a failure to meet obligations; and these together, will account for our financial troubles. Our country is full of money, hoarded in banks and hid in vaults, and still the times are stringent and the poor oppressed. Bankrupt laws never help those for whom they are designed, but serve only to hide rogues.

## State News.

Our legislature is now in session in our capital, and we will say to the honor and credit of Arkansas that it is a fine looking body of men and a very intelligent one. We congratulate our people, and think we can promise them safe and wise legislation.

Hon. S. P. Hughes, our next governor, will be inaugurated on Wednesday. He is every way worthy and qualified.

Hamburg has had a disastrous fire, injuring that beautiful town very much. We deeply sympathize with our friends.

Hot Springs is to have no saloons for two years to come. Good for that city.

Prosecuting Attorney Lea is doing a fine work in closing up the saloons and other places of business in our city on the Sabbath. We assure him of the respect and approval of all our good people. Go forward, my friend, in the fearless and faithful discharge of your duty. You are on the right track and must not falter. Do your duty and leave the result to God. The ARKANSAS METHODIST will be with you in this fight with all its might and influence. You must succeed in it or we are ruined. We are at a loss to understand the decision of that jury a few days ago as published in our city papers. Is that the law of Arkansas? Is it true that any denomination of Christians can select any day they please for a Sabbath and we must allow them to keep that day? If that be true, then farewell to our Sabbath and our liberties! We ask for information. Will some of our able lawyers respond?

Col. Fishback was elected temporary speaker of the House on Monday. Col. Thomas Newton, the old clerk, called the House to order and called on this Senior to open with prayer.

Hot Springs is again agitated over some bill affecting the Reservation. It is a strange thing that a great government like ours should so long trifle with the right of that favored valley. We are glad to hear they are quiet on the whiskey question and are all drinking hot water.

One saloon man takes a whole page in last Sunday's Gazette. He is wholesale and retail in the work of death, and the members of the legislature are invited to call. We hope they won't accept; it is no place for them and whiskey never makes good members or produces wise legislation. Steer clear of such places, gentlemen. You were not elected to drink whiskey, but to make wholesome laws to protect society from every evil, and if whiskey is not an evil then there is none in this world. The time is past for our legislators to consult liquor dealers in reference to their votes or their duty.

Hon. R. B. Weaver, of Boone county, has been elected President of the Senate, and Hon. J. P. Eagle Speaker of the House. Hon. Thos. W. Newton was re-elected Clerk of the House and R. G. Holland Secretary of the Senate.

We invite the attention of the Senators and Representatives to the claim of Mr. J. F. Trumpler, of this city, against the State of Arkansas for guns and ammunition in the Brooks and Baxter war. It is a just claim and too long delayed already. Do a just thing, gentlemen, and pay him.

Pine Bluff is growing very rapidly and is full of activity and thrift. The shrill whistle of the locomotive is heard at all hours of the day and night, and the click of machinery is constant.

We are pained by the sad intelligence of the death of two dear friends, Mrs. Cora Banks, nee Gantt, and Rev. J. A. Stanley, of our conference. The former we have known from childhood and the latter is one of our best preachers. Earth grows poorer by such losses but heaven richer, and we can only say, "He doeth all things well."

Our country is being over-run with office-seekers and people without employment. The meaning of all this is too many people in towns and too few in the country. Remember the surest living is out of the ground and we are to live by the sweat of our brow.

## Personal.

Rev. F. A. Jeffett, P. E. of Searcy District, White River Conference, has been in the city a few days. He is holding Quarterly Meeting at Argenta, and is a prominent candidate for chaplain of the House.

Rev. E. N. Watson, of the Little Rock Conference, has also been in the city, a guest of Rev. Horace Jewell, and looking after the honors and emoluments of the chaplaincy.

Rev. L. T. Hays has also been in our city, seeing after the same office, and his many friends were glad to see him.

Rev. W. D. Matthews, P. E. of Dardanelle District, Arkansas Conference, came down on last Friday, to see after the moral welfare of the Senate.

Rev. M. D. Early, a prominent Baptist Divine of the State, has also been in our city, anxious to serve in the capacity of chaplain to the Senate.

Rev. T. C. Tupper, the popular pastor of the Episcopal church, of this city, was a candidate for the honors of the chaplaincy, so we were informed—and we could mention several others, but we forbear.

Bishop Granbery is safely domiciled in his new home, in St. Louis. Right heartily do we welcome the Bishop on this side of the Great Inland Sea, and our dear Bishop will please remember that it is only fourteen hours from the "Future Great," to the "City of Roses." "When the roses come again," we hope to greet thee.

Bishop Parker is visiting in the Crescent City—or, may-be, in the land of Orange Blossoms.

Bishop Keener will soon be off for the land of the Aztecs, and the great capitol of Mexico.

Bishop Wilson is still "hors du combat," and we fear it will be a long time before he is sound and well. Our prayers and sympathies are with our dear Bishop.

Bishop McTyeire is on the classic grounds of our great Vanderbilt. He contributes a good letter to the Texas Advocate. It sounds apostolic. Please send one to the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Remember we are connected with the Vanderbilt.

Hon. J. W. VanGilder made us a pleasant call. Ashley has a noble Senator in him.

Rev. J. R. Kennady, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, called.

Rev. Dr. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, called on us. The Doctor is from Evansville, Indiana, and we welcome him to our city.

Premier Gladstone, of old England, has a salary of \$37,500 per annum, and it is said chops his own wood. If we are not very much mistaken in what we saw in old Albion, there is not much wood to chop; more likely he brings in coal.

Rev. C. C. Godden held his first Quarterly Meeting at Spring Street the last Saturday and Sabbath.

Rev. Henry Hardy, Representative from Cleburne county, called. He has set a noble example by bringing his certificate as a local preacher in our Church, and reporting for duty. We hope to utilize him on Mission work in our city.

Hon. B. F. Embry called the Senate to order at 12, m. Monday. He is a fine looking officer.

Hon. J. P. Eagle is a Baptist divine, and highly esteemed by his own Church.

Hon. W. H. Wheeler has been to see us. A noble man.

Hon. S. H. Tucker is recommended by his many friends as post-master of this city. He is a first-class man in every respect, and we hope he will receive the office.

## Field Notes.

### Our Paper—Both Sides.

Well, we will present both sides. He that is not for us is against us. First—Rev. L. M. Keith, himself an editor and a newspaper man, writes as follows from Hamburg Station:

"Excuse me, if I seem to trouble you with a personal note. I feel like telling my experience. It is exactly 10 o'clock p. m., and I sit alone by my table, surrounded by my books and papers; all in the house asleep and still, and I hear nothing but the crackling of the fire within and the fitful sobbing of the restless wind without. The mail has not reached us until this evening in three days, on account of high water. I have 'a heap' of papers and books, cards, letters, etc., to read. I went through all hurriedly, and then set down to the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and have had a class-meeting with yourself, Dr. Hunter, Bros. Pope, Wilson, Johnson, etc. I have been amused, instructed and thrilled. I have smiled, laughed out right, and wept in spite of myself. Why will we become sour, pre-vious, silly, intolerant and 'cranky?' Who can sit down in the proper frame of mind and heart, and read this single issue of the METHODIST, and not feel that he has ample pay for his dollar or dollar and a half that he perhaps still owes? 'Not enough reading matter, and too many advertisements'—indeed! In all candor, I tell you I think I feel like Wilson did, and feel like that this fourth page alone is worth a year's subscription.

Again, and for fear I say too much, I want to assure you that I am resolved to try to be another to accede to your proposition laid down in your leader on the fourth page, and in token, I give you my hand. Pray for me, and may the ARKANSAS METHODIST and its editors live long to bless and quicken the heart of the Church with their eloquent words of wisdom and stirring exhortations. We have had a fine feeling in our start off here in the new year. Last Sunday was a good day, and I hope for a fine success. I will send you some subscribers soon. Now never mind about dyspeptics and mention the METHODIST when and where you please, but read the proof."

Rev. A. B. Jones sends us the following from the Huntsville Female College in Alabama, which by the by is one of the best Female Colleges in our whole land. Hear him:

"The spring session of the Huntsville Female College begins Jan. 19, 1885. Prospects better than ever. I have one of the best absolutely Methodist schools in the Church, South. It is known as such. There are over eighty boarders, and about 175 pupils in all. Faculty of fourteen in number. Good Christian women and highly qualified for their work. I will not have a teacher who is not a Christian in the purest sense of that grand word. We move smoothly, hard work, good work, everything in first-class order. My instruments, pianos, etc., among the best and most expensive manufacture. Nothing shoddy or superficial. My purpose is to train girls to make good, practical, pure Christian women. So that they may be as useful and convenient in the kitchen as ornamental in the parlor, and an education that does not do this is not worth the time nor the money consumed in gaining it. My graduates will compare favorably with the best, and many of them are filling places of importance in the educational world. This modern idea of training girls to such a high tension, as to make them strong-minded, so called, and strong headed with all, passes her beyond the proper sphere which God intended for her to occupy; unsexes her and renders her a curse instead of a blessing to the world. I could say much on this subject, but I have already consumed too much of your time. Woman's power in the social circle and around the domestic fire-side of pure homes, is the lever that moves the world's mind, gives shape to thought and fixes the destiny of in-

dividuals and nations; and it is quite a reflection upon all the greatness of the past ages to argue that woman has never occupied her true sphere. But enough. Will you let me put a piece or two in your valuable paper? Arkansas ought by all means to have a paper, a Christian paper for our Methodist Conferences, and without flattery, for I abominate it. I think that you and Bro. Dye can do the work and do it well. Arkansas, and Arkansas Methodist's especially, are fully able to support such an enterprise, and I believe they will do it. I like your paper, and bid you God speed in the good work, and pray that every Methodist in your state will have it in their homes. We must spread the Gospel through our religious press as well as from the pulpit; and there are hundreds, my brother, who can get it from our religious papers, who, from enfeebled age, may not be able to get it any other way. Then let the paper preach to the people at home. Give us a pure Christian literature—something substantial—that will do to feed souls on, and God will bless you. You are perhaps preaching to a larger congregation every week than any pastor in your Conferences. Love to Bro. Dye. I write you soon about my programme for Commencement, and I think a visit up this way would help you and greatly benefit us. When I commenced this letter I did not expect to be so long. I hope I have not been tedious.

Now, that is simply splendid, and the more highly appreciated as coming from one of our best educators. But here comes one on the other side, a good brother writes from Grant county: "I don't like your paper." I want it stopped. You did not publish what I sent you. Stop my paper. You have too many advertisements anyhow, and I don't like the paper." But the brother never paid for what he got, and we don't know what he sent nor our reasons for not publishing it; but we dare say we had good reasons, and much better matter has often found its way into the waste basket. Another, and a lady too: "Please discontinue my paper. I have only received two copies. There is not enough reading for children." But my dear sister, we are not trying to make a child's paper. Why! this is the Organ of Methodism in Arkansas! and our Brother Granade has a splendid child's column. You did not try us long enough.

A brother at Pine Bluff says every editorial is worth the subscription for a year.

Rev. John R. Sanders, another newspaper man, writes us that we are making a splendid paper. Our editorial on the old and new year, did him great good, and started him on the new year with better resolves for a holy life. He read our paper to a brother who declared it was next to the Nashville Advocate, and subscribed at once.

Rev. G. W. Logan continues work and good words, and so does Rev. J. H. Bradford. Scores are entering the field for our premiums, but we must close this week with the following from Rev. C. M. Keith:

"Dear Bro.—'Aim high,' I take to be a good motto, especially for all young men starting out in life. I never like to be outdone in laudable undertakings, so far as I am capacitated to cope with others. Hence I always try to fill the place of my predecessor, as far as I may be able. After writing and mailing to you, just awhile ago, a card, in which I made mention of the prize I would work for, in the matter of securing subscribers for our paper, I received my METHODIST for this week, in which you very modestly reminded me of the great work accomplished here, in the interest of the METHODIST, by my beloved predecessor and Conference class-mate, Rev. W. A. Steel, and I candidly confess to my shame in proposing to do so little. I reflected, reconsidered, and resolved to help the paper by earnestly soliciting my people to help me to a set of 'Clarks Commentaries,' by helping themselves to the paper for another year, through me as agent, and thus helping and being helped all around. Put me down for a set of 'Clark's Commentaries' I mean to have them! Can't get along without them, and am too poor to buy them. Have been puzzled to know how I was to get them, and am surprised that I had not seen the opportunity before; especially serving the people that I have the honor to serve. If they do not help me to add that valuable, yes, I may say, indispensable set of Commentaries to my library, I shall be disappointed, and they will be sufferers as well as myself. Do you say amen to this? So may it be! Amen."